

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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SPEED POST FACILITIES IN STATES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria laid down to provide speed post facilities in various States;
- (b) whether the Government propose to provide speed post facility in the backward areas of northern part of West Bengal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which said facility is likely to be made available; and
- (d) if no, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) Speed Post is a premium product and is run on commercial considerations, Expansion of this network is an on-going process depending on market situation assessment of the need, anticipated revenue and transport network.
- (b) & (c): In north-Bengal, siliguri is on the National Speed Post network; Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling are on the State Speed Post network. Besides, Speed Post Booking facility is also available at Head Post Offices at Malda, Mal Balurghat and Coochbehar.
- (d) Does not arise.